GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
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GRAPHITE RESERVES AREAS
SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the total graphite reserves areas in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether some of the existing graphite mines are being leased out to private sector companies;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken for the proper exploitation of graphite mines in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL)

(a) : As per information available with Indian Bureau of Mines(IBM), a Subordinate Office of Ministry of Mines, the total recoverable reserves of Graphite in the Country as on 1.4.1995 was 4579476 tonnes. The State-wisereserves of Graphite as on 1.4.1995 are as follows:-

State	Reserves (in tonnes)
Andhra Pradesh	219128
Bihar	389678
Gujarat	16644
Karnataka	262500
Kerala	533262
Madhya Pradesh	10128
Maharashtra	870000
Orissa	1353444
Rajasthan	501776
Tamil Nadu	422916

(b)& (c): There were 40 graphite mines who had reported production in 1999-2000, and 82% of production was accounted for by mines in the private sector, including production from mining leases held by M/s T.P. Minerals Limited, Diamond Graphite Industries, Pramod Kumar Agrawal, Prabhas Chandra Agrawal , K.K. Poddar , Natwar Lal Agrawal, Mohd. Zafarulla etc.

(d): For conservation and systematic development of minerals including graphite and also for environmental protection, Mineral Conservation and Development Rules (MCDR), 1988 have been framed under Section 18 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957. MCDR is monitored by the Central Government through IBM. Mining operations are carried out according to the mining plan approved by IBM. Compliance of the mining plan stipulation is being checked from time to time through inspections by IBM officers. In case of irregularities, the same are pointed out by IBM under the appropriate provisions of MCDR for compliance/rectification.